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In re application of

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DRIVING BELT AND TRANSVERSE ELEMENT FOR A DRIVING BELT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3-9 as follows:

--3.(Amended) A driving belt according to claim 1, characterised in that said projection (14) and said recess (15) are mainly present in the second part (12) of the transverse element (4).--

--4.(Amended) A driving belt according to claim 1, characterised in that said projection (14) and said recess (15) extend in transverse direction over the entire area of the transverse element between the two recesses (7, 8).--

--6.(Amended) A driving belt according to claim 1, characterised in that the surface of the projection (14) and of the recess (15) comprises parts (16, 17) which extend at an angle to a horizontal line in the plane in which the band packages (5, 6) lie, and which extends perpendicularly to the direction of the driving belt (1).--

--7.(Amended) A driving belt according to claim 1, characterised in that said third part (13) of the transverse element (4) comprises parts (16, 17) which extend at an angle to a horizontal line in the plane in which the band packages (5, 6) lie, and which extends perpendicularly to the direction of the driving belt (1).--

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--9. (Amended) A driving belt according to claim 1, characterised in that edges of the transverse element (4) have been deburred and/or been rounded by means of a tumbling operation.--

Claims 3-9 were amended to correct multiple dependency. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".

Respectfully submitted,

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"VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE"

Please amend claims 3-9 as follows:

3. (Amended) A driving belt according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterised in that said projection (14) and said recess (15) are mainly present in the second part (12) of the transverse element (4).

4. (Amended) A driving belt according to ~~any one of the~~
~~preceding claims~~claim 1, characterised in that said projection (14)
and said recess (15) extend in transverse direction over the entire
area of the transverse element between the two recesses (7, 8).

5. (Amended) A driving belt according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterised in that said projection (14) is disposed some distance above the tilting line (18), which distance is smaller than the smallest vertical dimension (A) of the recess (7,8).

6. (Amended) A driving belt according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterised in that the surface of the projection (14) and of the recess (15) comprises parts (16, 17) which extend at an angle to a horizontal line in the plane in which the band packages (5, 6) lie, and which extends perpendicularly to the direction of the driving belt (1).

7.(Amended) A driving belt according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, characterised in that said third part (13) of the transverse element (4) comprises parts (16, 17) which extend at an angle to a horizontal line in the plane in which the band packages (5, 6) lie, and which extends perpendicularly to the direction of the driving belt (1).

8.(Amended) A driving belt according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, characterised in that the transverse element (4) has been made from a strip of material by means of a cutting operation.

9.(Amended) A driving belt according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, characterised in that edges of the transverse element (4) have been deburred and/or been rounded by means of a tumbling operation.